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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR BANGKOK

1. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE BANGKOK METROPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT. A RECENT FIRE GUTTED THE TOP TWO FLOORS OF A SEVEN STORY OFFICE BUILDING PARTLY BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUCK IN THE CITY THAT CAN REACH EVEN AS FAR AS THE FOURTH FLOOR LEVEL. MUCH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EQUIPMENT IS ANTIQUE AND NEEDS REPLACING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE MINISTRY PRESENTLY IS CONTEMPLATING SPENDING SOME TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

TYPE	NUMBER OF UNITS
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WATER TENDERS (FIRE TRUCKS); CAPACITY OF PUMPS 750-900 G.P.P.	96
PORTABLE TRAILER PUMPS (CLASS 104, NEPA STANDARD)	64
AERIAL LADDER TRUCKS (EXTENSION TYPE, REVOLVING LADDER) 100-146 FT.	5

TANK TRUCKS 64

AMBULANCES 32

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JEEPS 64

PICK-UPS 32

FIRE BOATS (PUMP CAPACITY 1,100 G.P.M.) 15

MOBILE CRANES (LIFTING CAPACITY 20 TONS) 3

NOTE: PUMPS SHOULD BE CENTRIFUGAL, TWO STAGE TYPE.

3. THE MINISTRY SEEKS TO PURCHASE THIS EQUIPMENT VIA SUPPLIER
CREDIT ON TEN YEAR TERMS, IF POSSIBLE.

4. PLEASE CONTACT MACK TRUCK AND URGE THAT IT REPLY ASAP TO
TELEX FROM LOCAL AGENT, EAST ASIATIC COMPANY.

5. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, AMERICAN SUPPLIERS MAY WRITE TO:

POLICE COLONEL SAKRAPEE PRAKMAKUL
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